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Serial No.:	10/003,363	:	Group Art Unit: 1773
Filing Date:	November 15, 2001	:	Examiner: Bernatz, Kevin M.
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Title: SOFT MAGNETIC UNDERLAYER (SUL) FOR PERPENDICULAR RECORDING MEDIUM

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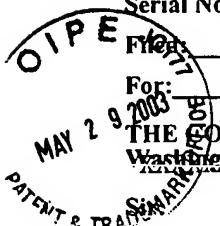
RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

May 27, 2003

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated February 24, 2003 in the above-referenced application. The Applicant respectfully requests the entry of the following amendments and re-consideration of the application in light of the amendments and the remarks following.

In re application of: KubotaSerial No.: 10/003,363Filed: November 15, 2001For: SOFT MAGNETIC UNDERLAYER (SUL) FOR PERPENDICULAR RECORDING MEDIUMTHE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

No additional fee is required.

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Respectfully submitted,

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